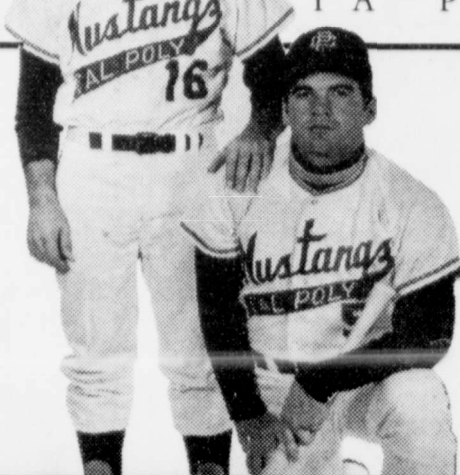


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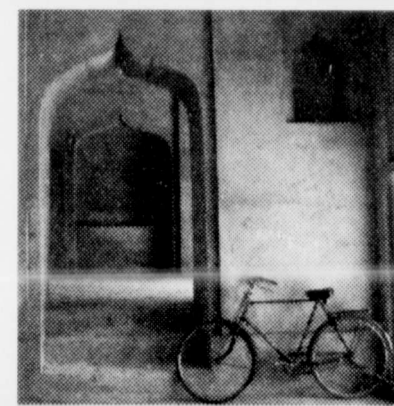


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An Iraqi girl is bandaged by a U.S. Army soldier after a car bomb exploded by a house in Mosul, Iraq on Feb. 3.

## Insurgents kill 28 in post-election attacks

Shiites turned out in large numbers to vote on Jan. 31, while minority Sunni Arabs are believed to have stayed away

Jason Keyser  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents struck back with a vengeance following a post-election lull, killing at least 28 people, including two Marines, in a burst of attacks, way-laying a minibus carrying new Iraqi army recruits, detonating car bombs and gunning down police and Iraqis working for the U.S. military, officials said Thursday.

Incomplete election results from Baghdad and five other of Iraq's 18 provinces showed the Shiite clerical-endorsed ticket running strong in races for seats in the National Assembly, according to the first official results.

So far, 1.6 million votes have been counted, from 10 percent of the country's polling stations. The United Iraqi Alliance, which is backed by the country's most influential Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, had 1.1 million votes, and the list led by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's list was second with more than 360,500 votes.

The figures were only partial results and were too small to say whether they represent the nationwide trend.

Election officials have said it could take up to seven to 10 days from the Sunday vote to produce full official results. Some 16 million Iraqis were eligible to vote, but it is

still not known what percentage turned out at the polls. Seats in the National Assembly will be determined by the percentage of the nationwide vote that each faction wins.

Iraqi election officials said Thursday they sent a team to Mosul to look into allegations of voting irregularities in the surrounding Ninevah province, a largely Sunni region. Complaints have included polling stations running short of ballots, confusion over the poll locations and ongoing military operations. It was not clear how many voters were affected.

Shiites turned out in large numbers in Sunday's balloting, eager to turn their majority into political power.

Many in the Sunni Arab minority are believed to have stayed away, raising concerns that the outcome could further alienate them and continue to fuel the Sunni-led insurgency.

Insurgents had eased up on attacks following the elections, when American and Iraqi forces imposed sweeping security measures. But starting Wednesday night, guerrillas launched a string of dramatic attacks.

In the deadliest incident, insurgents stopped a minibus south of Kirkuk, ordered army recruits off the vehicle and gunned down 12 of them, said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammed Amin. Two soldiers were allowed to go free, ordered by the rebels to warn others against joining Iraq's U.S.-backed security forces, he said.

## City weighs in on Poly Gras

Emily Wong  
MUSTANG DAILY

It started with a letter to the editor. But it wasn't about God or politics, so it stood out from the rest.

The headlines read: "Overrated: Mardi Gras celebration with police"; "Underrated: Poly Gras — to be celebrated next weekend." Signed Erich Meschkat, business administration junior.

Next thing he knew, the police were knocking on his door Thursday morning.

"I got a call from my roommate around 11:45," Meschkat explained. "There were uniformed police officers and a couple people from campus standing at the house when he called. They wanted me to meet with them on campus at 1 p.m."

Officers from the San Luis Obispo Police Department and the University Police Department had tracked down Meschkat after hearing that the proposed Poly Gras was his idea.

"We are disappointed, quite frankly, that someone has taken this tactic because of the seriousness of the impact on the university in the community," SLOPD public information officer Rob Bryn said.

At the afternoon gathering, Meschkat met with officers and Student, Life and Leadership representatives in the University Union.

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## Mardi Gras Weekend 2005

Party-goers need to stay vigilant and watch their behavior this weekend

### Patrol by the numbers

400 officers total



200 Highway Patrol



120 Sheriff personnel



40 critical response



### A few more reasons to stay home ...

- Three times the usual deployment of police
- Triple fines for violations
- Fine for flashing: \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense

KATIE ZEALEAR MUSTANG DAILY

## Tackle the trails on Super Bowl Sunday

Since 1987, the Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers have organized trail clean-ups in Montana de Oro State Park

Amanda Samonte  
MUSTANG DAILY

The 18th annual Super Bowl Sunday bike trail cleanup at Montana de Oro is happening this weekend.

The Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers have organized the event since 1987, after rumors of impending bike trail closure throughout the 8,000-acre park.

Since then, volunteers improved and restored many neglected pathways for safer riding conditions.

Due to heavy rainstorms this last month, mountain trails are in bad condition and bikers are unable to ride. Almost half of the park's 50 campsites remain closed until mid-May because of flood damage.

In past years, between 50 and 75 volunteers lend a helping hand, even though it is the morning of Super Bowl Sunday.

Public relations volunteer, Lynne



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers come to Montana de Oro to lend a hand cleaning trails on Super Bowl Sunday. Due to heavy rainstorms last month, mountain trails are in poor condition and mountain bikers are unable to ride.

Latronica said that she is not concerned about turnout although the event falls on Mardi Gras weekend.

"We do not rely on Cal Poly for most of the volunteer work...we wel-

come any student, hung over or not (after Mardi Gras), to come out and help," she said.

CCCMB president Greg see Trails, page 2



## Trails

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Bettencourt said that the Super Bowl Sunday workday has the biggest volunteer turnout of the year.

"It's a great way to get outside and get some exercise before the big game," he said in a press release. "Trail users of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend and no prior experience is necessary."

Local organizations are also getting involved, bike shops will hold raffles for prizes and the House of Bread and Boston Bagels will provide a continental breakfast for volunteers.

Drew Perkins, forestry senior and member of Cal Poly's Wheelman club, has worked on Super Bowl Sunday for the past three years. He said that it is a fun, social thing to do.

"I like to mountain bike, and (this event) helps keep trails in good shape," he said. "The whole point is to minimize erosion. You want the trails to be slanted outward, so that water runs off of the trail instead of down it, we also cut back brush and clear out poison ivy."

Bettencourt said that the cleanup provides the opportunity to "give back what they have reaped."

"(The CCCMB) encourages all types of trail workers to attend, hikers and horseback riders as well as mountain bikers," Latronica said. "We have had so much rain this year that the trails are in poor shape and we can use all the help we can get."

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at park headquarters above Spooner's Cove and will finish by noon. For more information, visit [www.CCCMB.org](http://www.CCCMB.org).

## Poly Gras

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"The first thing they wanted to know was if I was the ringleader or throwing the Poly Gras party," Meschkat said. "They wanted to get all the facts straight. ... It was very professional."

SLOPD and UPD declined to comment about the meeting.

Poly Gras was introduced in a letter to the editor published Monday. The letter informed students to stay in this weekend due to the increased police force, triple fine zones and DUI checkpoints. Instead, it gives readers the idea of rearranging the calendar and celebrating the holiday next weekend. The idea reverberated through the campus community and spread through the Internet as well.

"The idea was, if we can get a bunch of people together and still be peaceful, it would show the police that we don't need all this," Meschkat said. "I just wanted to create some kind of feeling of a

family between students. In this community, we're all we have."

But city officials' response to this idea has been harsh. Besides showing up to his house and requesting a meeting, Meschkat was asked to write a retraction. Police told him that they would continue to monitor the situation.

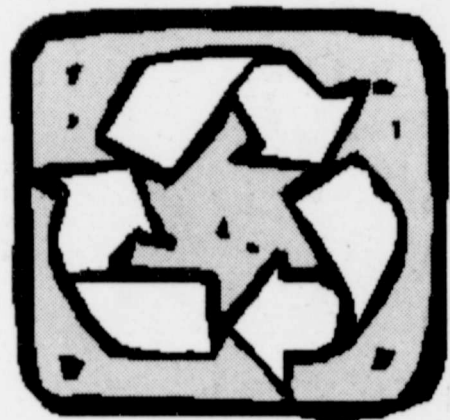
"I think depending on what happens this weekend and next will determine what happens to me," he said. "I'm not a legal expert, but I don't think I can be held civilly liable for anything that happens."

Whether or not Meschkat is blamed, the SLOPD is still concerned.

"Here we go again," Bryn said. "We're going to end up costing taxpayers thousands of dollars. It's simply irresponsible."

As for Meschkat, he's still in the game — the letter-writing game, that is.

"If you guys still want me to write, I'll keep writing," he said. "Maybe next week: 'Underrated: The police.'"



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• A front page story published Thursday, Feb. 3, incorrectly stated that principal and UC Berkeley professor Raveevarn Choksombatchai will discuss her award-winning work, LOOMs, today at 3 p.m. The discussion will be taking place on Friday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. For more information, call the CAED office at 756-1311.

## Have a safe Mardi Gras weekend!

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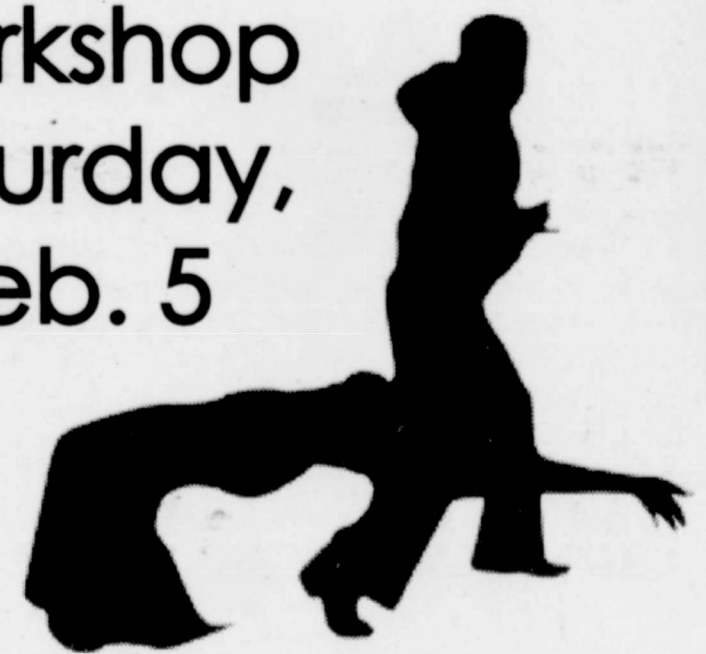
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In anticipation of a Spring 2005 advisory student referendum, CFAC is soliciting statements of advocacy (either pro or con) from students to be included in the voter information packets. Statements must be submitted by February 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Victor Brancart at 756-2091 or [vbrancar@calpoly.edu](mailto:vbrancar@calpoly.edu).

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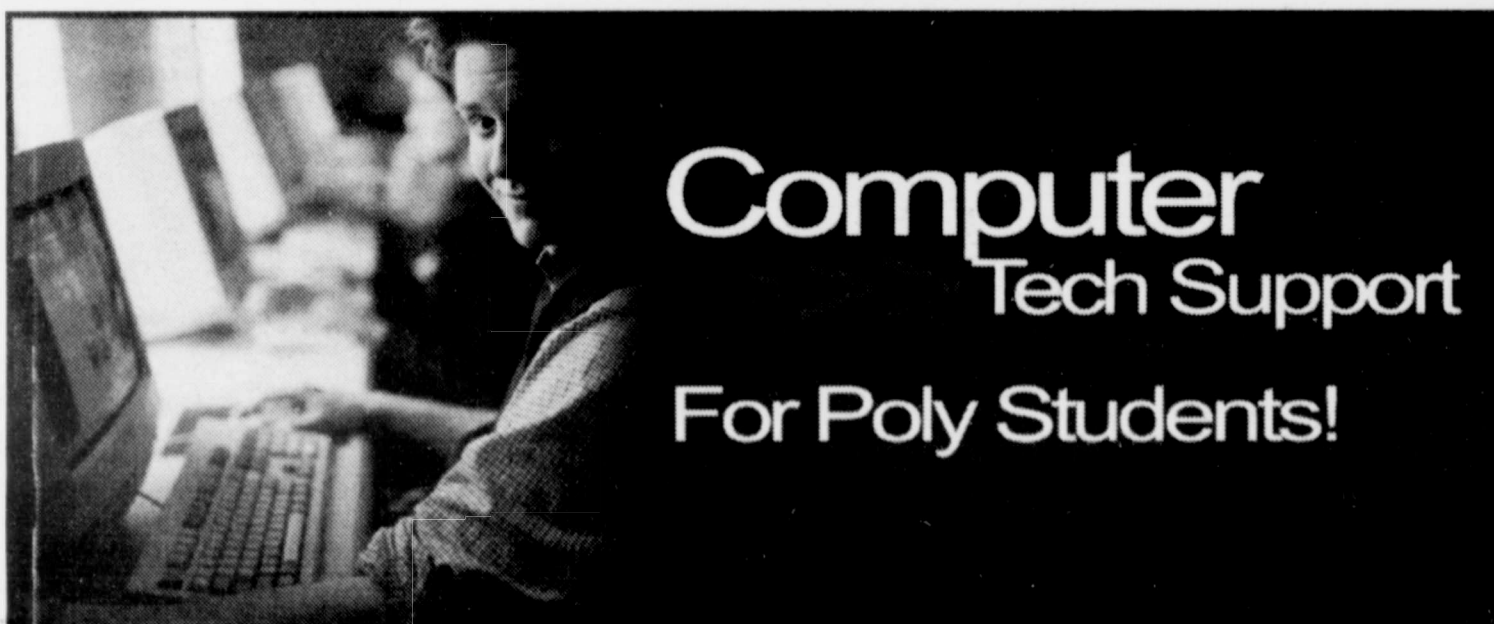
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## STATE NEWS

**BERKELEY** — Federal officials are recommending that Berkeley diversify its public housing program, suggesting the city has been favoring black applicants.

The recommendations, which include a suggestion that Berkeley consider recruiting students from the University of California, Berkeley, stem from a routine fair-housing compliance review conducted last

July by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Berkeley Housing Director Stephen Barton said he was "stunned" by the recommendation from HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

**STOCKTON** — Expanding development in the sprawling Central Valley is pushing home building into flood plains, a move that concerns state water regulators who are calling for sweeping

changes to flood control programs.

The danger is only getting worse as thousands of new homes are built each year behind levees in cities across the valley, according to a report by the California Department of Water Resources.

**SACRAMENTO**

— Embattled Secretary of State Kevin Shelley should not be forced to testify before a legislative panel if he decides to resign his offices, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez

said Thursday.

Shelley's appearance before the Joint Legislative Audit Committee was pushed back at least three weeks after independent counsels appointed by both parties said they needed more time to review the case.

The reprieve also means that legislative leaders have more time to negotiate the possible conditions of Shelley's resignation, which has been rumored in the Capitol for weeks.

—Associated Press

## IN OTHER NEWS

**WILLMAR, Minn.** — A teenager auctioning himself as a prom date has been booted off eBay — but he's still selling the shirt off his back.

Nathan Carlson offered himself for auction last Friday after a conversation with some friends at Ridgewater College.

The bidding started at \$30. But as the bids came in and exceeded \$260, Carlson added a comment that he'd contribute half the money to charity if the bidding went past \$1,500 — a big no-no for the online auction site.

That comment violated eBay's policies on auctions to benefit charity, and the Web site ended the auction on Tuesday.

Carlson reposted his auction Tuesday and added other auctions to sell the clothes he wore during some television interviews, at the request of some of the eBay bidders, he said.

"Maybe they just thought my dancing was great," he said.

But eBay canceled his prom date auction again. "They said the name was inappropriate or false," he said Wednesday. Carlson had listed his prom date auction, his shirt and other items as "seen on the news."

Early Thursday, Carlson's prom date auction could not be found on eBay, but The Associated Press found Carlson was selling a silk shirt and a wristwatch.

—Associated Press

## NATIONAL NEWS

**WASHINGTON** — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld disclosed Thursday that he had offered President Bush his resignation twice during the height of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal last year. He said he wanted the decision on his future to be placed in Bush's hands.

"He made that decision and said he did want me to stay on,"

Rumsfeld told CNN's "Larry King Live," according to a transcript provided by CNN before the program aired Thursday.

**WASHINGTON** — Alberto Gonzales won Senate confirmation Thursday as attorney general despite Democratic accusations that he helped formulate White House policies that led to overseas prisoner abuse and was too beholden to President Bush.

The Senate voted 60-36 to put the first Hispanic ever into the job, with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independent Jim Jeffords of Vermont. Last week, 12 Democrats and Jeffords voted against Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's confirmation.

**FARGO, N.D.** — Facing stiff resistance, President Bush began searching state-by-state for support for his plan to overhaul Social

Security and conceded Thursday that not all lawmakers believe the program has a serious problem.

"The math doesn't work," Bush insisted, saying Social Security would pay out more money than it brought in beginning in 2018. "And in 2042, it's bust," he said. That's the year in which the system would be able to cover only about 73 percent of benefits owed unless it is changed, according to Social Security trustees.

—Associated Press

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**UNITED NATIONS** — Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered disciplinary action against the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq on Thursday, after a report sharply criticized Benon Sevan for "undermining the integrity" of the United Nations through a "grave conflict of interest."

The investigation report said Sevan solicited oil allocations from

Saddam Hussein's regime on behalf of a trading company between 1998 and 2001, and it raised concerns he may have received kickbacks for the help.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Iraqi officials Thursday released the first partial returns from national elections, showing a commanding lead by candidates backed by the Shiite Muslim clergy. Sunni insurgents unleashed a wave of attacks, killing at least 30 people, including three U.S. Marines

and a dozen Iraqi army recruits.

Meanwhile, election officials said strict security measures may have deprived many Iraqis in the Mosul area and surrounding Ninevah province of their right to vote. The admission is likely to fuel complaints by Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who make up the heart of the insurgency, that they were not represented in the vote.

**ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN** — The U.S.

aircraft carrier that led a massive tsunami relief operation steamed away from the disaster zone Thursday after a mission that helped repair America's bruised image in the world's most heavily populated Muslim nation.

The USS Abraham Lincoln, with a crew of 5,300, formed the core of the largest foreign military deployment in the area and the most extensive U.S. operation in Southeast Asia since the Vietnam War.

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# Scholars debate ancient materials linked with the Bible

**Biblical theologians clash with intellectuals over recent discoveries of articles many say are described in the Bible**

**Richard N. Ostling**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

An ancient fortress, a burial box and a piece of cloth — historical remains related to the Bible never cease to provoke heated debate, whether the discoveries are thought to be tantalizing clues, cynical hoaxes or just archaeological mistakes.

Right now, for instance, three highly technical disputes have erupted over materials linked to Scripture:

In the most important development, scholars say tests on remains from a dig in modern-day Jordan indicate the biblical country of Edom existed during the era of Kings David and Solomon, if not earlier. The find could undercut skeptics of biblical history.

Prosecutors in Israel filed fraud charges Dec. 29 involving a purported first-century inscription of Jesus' name. But this month a prominent archaeology magazine will assail the government's scientific evidence.

New testing indicates the "Shroud of Turin," a celebrated relic said to be Jesus' burial cloth, could actually date from his time. That opposes scientists' earlier conclusion that the artifact is a fraud from the medieval era.

The unending popular interest in such matters is undeniable.

Says Niels Peter Lemche of the University of Copenhagen, part of

an arch-skeptical faction that treats most of the Old Testament as politically motivated fiction: "The public, that is people not members of the fraternity of biblical scholars, are still mainly interested in history. Did it happen as written or did it not happen? That is the question most often asked when talking to an audience of lay persons."

The public's fascination is evident to Lemche in the success of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, a 30-year-old glossy magazine with 120,000 subscribers. It explains scholars' ongoing dustups for lay readers.

Consider the excitement over the magazine's

2002

report

about a

first-century

burial box

for bones (or

"ossuary")

with an

inscription

that reads

"James,

son of Joseph,

brother of Jesus."

James led the

early church in

Jerusalem and —

depending on

which Christian

tradition is being

invoked — was

either Jesus' brother,

stepbrother or

cousin.

Some immediately

suspected the

inscription was

a hoax perpetrated

either in ancient

or modern times.

Israel's new fraud

indictments say

the ossuary's

owner was among

five men who

forged dozens

of biblical arti-

facts.

The magazine's

editor, Hershel

Shanks, says the issue being released Feb. 15 will argue that nobody can yet decide whether the inscription is fake because Israel has thoroughly "bungled" the scientific evidence.

Meanwhile, the important Edom research has added fuel to one of the hottest archaeological disputes of recent years.

The Bible reports that Edom was a well-defined land southeast of the Dead Sea that had kings before Israel (Genesis 36:31, 1 Chronicles 1:43), barred Moses during the Exodus (Numbers 20:14-21) and warred with King David (2 Samuel 8:13-14, 1 Kings 11:15-16).

But many scholars have claimed the Bible got it wrong, and no Edomite state existed before the

eighth century. Part of their thinking

stemmed from the fact that physical

evidence of Edom was lacking.

Meanwhile, Lemche's camp claimed that far-later writers invented David and Solomon and their kingdom,

which the Bible says began around 1000 B.C.

Related to that, Tel Aviv University archaeologist Israel Finkelstein made a controversial bid

to shift the usual dating of major sites in the Holy Land to say they

came just after Solomon's reign.

Unlike Lemche's group, Finkelstein doesn't deny there was a Solomon — but his theory means the Bible's record of Solomon is hugely distorted. The argument between Finkelstein and most archaeologists' older chronology was pursued in *Science* magazine and at a recent radiocarbon summit in Britain.

Now comes the report on Edom, in the current edition of the quarterly *Antiquity*, by Russell Adams of Canada's McMaster University, Thomas Levy of the University of California, San Diego, and other colleagues.

They say pottery remains and radiocarbon work at a major copper processing plant in Jordan indicate settlement in the 11th century B.C. and probably before that, with a nearby monumental fortress from the 10th century era of David and Solomon. They are convinced the site was part of the Edomite state.

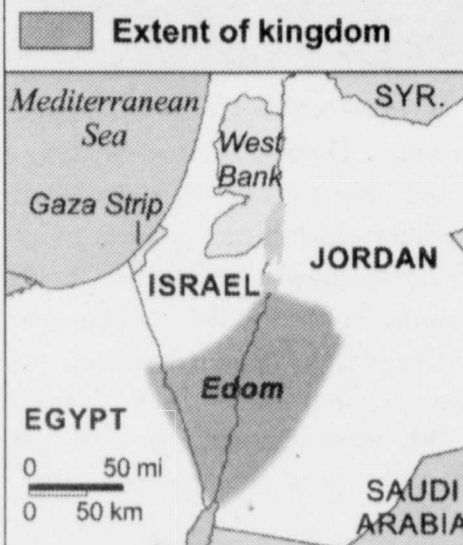
University of Arizona archaeologist William Dever had been skeptical about Edom's existence that early, but says this "discovery is revolutionary" and lends credibility to the biblical kingdom of David and Solomon.

The Shroud of Turin dispute also involves radiocarbon tests, those done in 1988 on threads from the famous relic — which bears the faint image of a crucified man. The tests dated the cloth at A.D. 1260 to 1390.

But in the current edition of the journal *Thermochimica Acta*, Raymond Rogers of Los Alamos National Laboratory argues that the tested threads came from later patches and might have been contaminated.

## Evidence of biblical kingdom of Edom

Some archaeologists are convinced that pottery remains and radiocarbon work in Jordan were from a site that was part of the Edomite state.



Rogers' major point is that his chemical tests found no vanillin, a compound in flax fibers that gradually disappears.

From that, he calculated that the shroud is 1,300 to 3,000 years old and could easily date from Jesus' era.

The cloth is "from the right time but you're never going to find out if it was used on a person named Jesus" through science, Rogers notes.

Indeed, given the difficulties in interpreting the meaning of scattered items that by chance have survived from ancient times, the latest findings probably won't settle any of the three debates — if any of them can ever be truly put to rest.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

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## Jackson says truth will prevail in interview

(AP) — Michael Jackson said in a television interview scheduled to air Saturday that many of the news reports about him are "fiction" and that his celebrity makes him a target.

Jackson was barred by a gag order from talking about the molestation charges he faces. But he said in an interview with Fox News' "At Large with Geraldo Rivera" that he believes the truth about him will ultimately come out.

"The bigger the star, the bigger the target. I'm not trying to say I'm the super-duper star, I'm not saying that," Jackson said in the interview, which was taped two weeks ago. "I'm saying the fact that people come at celebrities, we're targets. But truth always prevails."

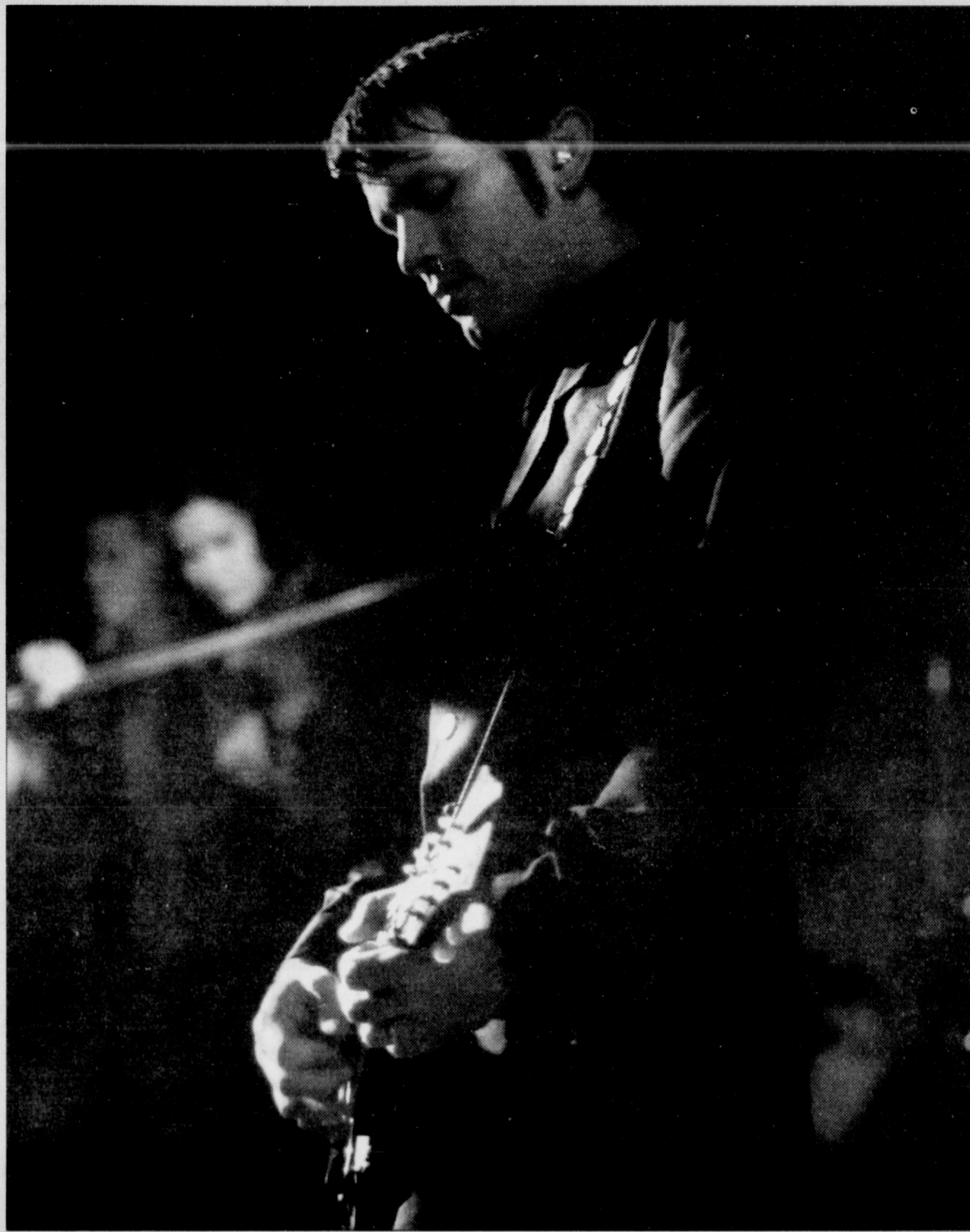
The interview, excerpts of which were released Thursday by Fox News, was Jackson's first since he was indicted by a grand jury in April on charges of molesting a boy.

Jackson also said in the interview that he designed his Neverland estate, where prosecutors say the molestation occurred, as a place where he could enjoy the childhood activities he missed while he was a child star.

"I created Neverland as a home for myself and my children ... it gave me a chance to do what I couldn't do when I was little," Jackson said. "We couldn't go to Disneyland. We couldn't do all those fun things. We were working hard."

"And we did enjoy it," Jackson said. "But this allowed me to have a place behind the gates where the entire world I love is there ... other men have Ferraris and airplanes or wherever they find their bliss. My bliss is in sharing and having simple innocent fun."

## Hit me Molly, one more time



NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

**B**obby Schmidt plays the mandolin while Bridget Regan fiddles at a show Tuesday night. Irish punk band Flogging Molly played to a sold-out crowd at the San Luis Obispo Memorial Veterans Hall with openers the Briefs and Tsunami Bomb.

## BILLBOARD HOT 100

Top 20 Songs in the country this week

1. "Let Me Love You" — Mario.
2. "1, 2 Step" — Ciara
3. "Soldier" — Destiny's Child
4. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" — Green Day
5. "Lovers and Friends" — Lil Jon feat. Usher & Ludacris
6. "How We Do" — The Game
7. "Disco Inferno" — 50 Cent
8. "Drop It Like It's Hot" — Snoop Dogg feat. Pharrell
9. "Since You Been Gone" — Kelly Clarkson
10. "Breakaway" — Kelly Clarkson
11. "Caught Up" — Usher
12. "Bring Em Out" — T.I.
13. "Get Right" — Jennifer Lopez
14. "Over and Over" — Nelly feat. Tim McGraw
15. "Get Back" — Ludacris
16. "Beautiful Somebody" — Jesse McCartney
17. "Rich Girl" — Gwen Stefani feat. Eve
18. "Mockingbird" — Eminem
19. "I Don't Want To Be" — Gavin DeGraw
20. "Numb/Encore" — Jay Z/Linkin Park

## Student showcases experiences in India

Amanda Samonte

MUSTANG DAILY

Linnaea's café will feature a photography exhibit and free wine tasting today from 6 to 8 p.m.

The exhibit will feature photos taken by architecture senior and photographer Erin Scholl, taken while she studied abroad in India for three months. She said she took about 5,000 photos of the people, scenery and buildings while she was there.

"I have always wanted to go to India since I was a little girl," Scholl said. "It's just so mind-blowingly different than anyone can ever imagine."

She explained that her experiences there opened her eyes to life in a third world country.

"One thing that was fascinating is the stratification between different income levels," said Scholl. "A third of the population is starving, there is a tiny middle class and then the rich. They all wear gold jewelry and put rich Americans to shame."

A particularly disturbing everyday occurrence for her was seeing child beggars on the streets with missing appendages.

"A really common practice there is that the parents have children because

children are cuter and they can collect more money. And then if they break their legs, mangle them or hack limbs off, they look more pathetic," she said, slightly emotional.

She tried to refrain from handling out food or money, however, because she knew then there would be swarms of beggars and she didn't want to support the vicious cycle of disfiguring children in place of getting a job.

The process of discouraging begging is difficult because traditionally, in order to break the cycle of reincarnation, one must literally give alms to the poor.

Beggars would always have a steady income until recently when Western values flooded India, she explained. Now, since the rich do not give handouts, the poor are starving, but do not have any job skills to improve their lifestyle.

People are so poor there — even toilet paper is a hot commodity.

"There is no toilet paper in India unless you are in a really nice hotel," Scholl said. "You use your left hand to wash yourself when you go to the bathroom and your right to eat because there is no silverware. Instead of toilet paper, they give you a bucket and you scoop up the water and splash it on yourself ... so I always

carried toilet paper with me everywhere I went."

She said that she was also groped on a daily basis while walking in large crowds.

"Indian men are absolutely enthralled with American girls because their belief system," she said. "If a woman even shows her ankle, she's a whore. I actually punched some guy in the face for grabbing my boob."

Scholl described the entire trip as completely shocking.

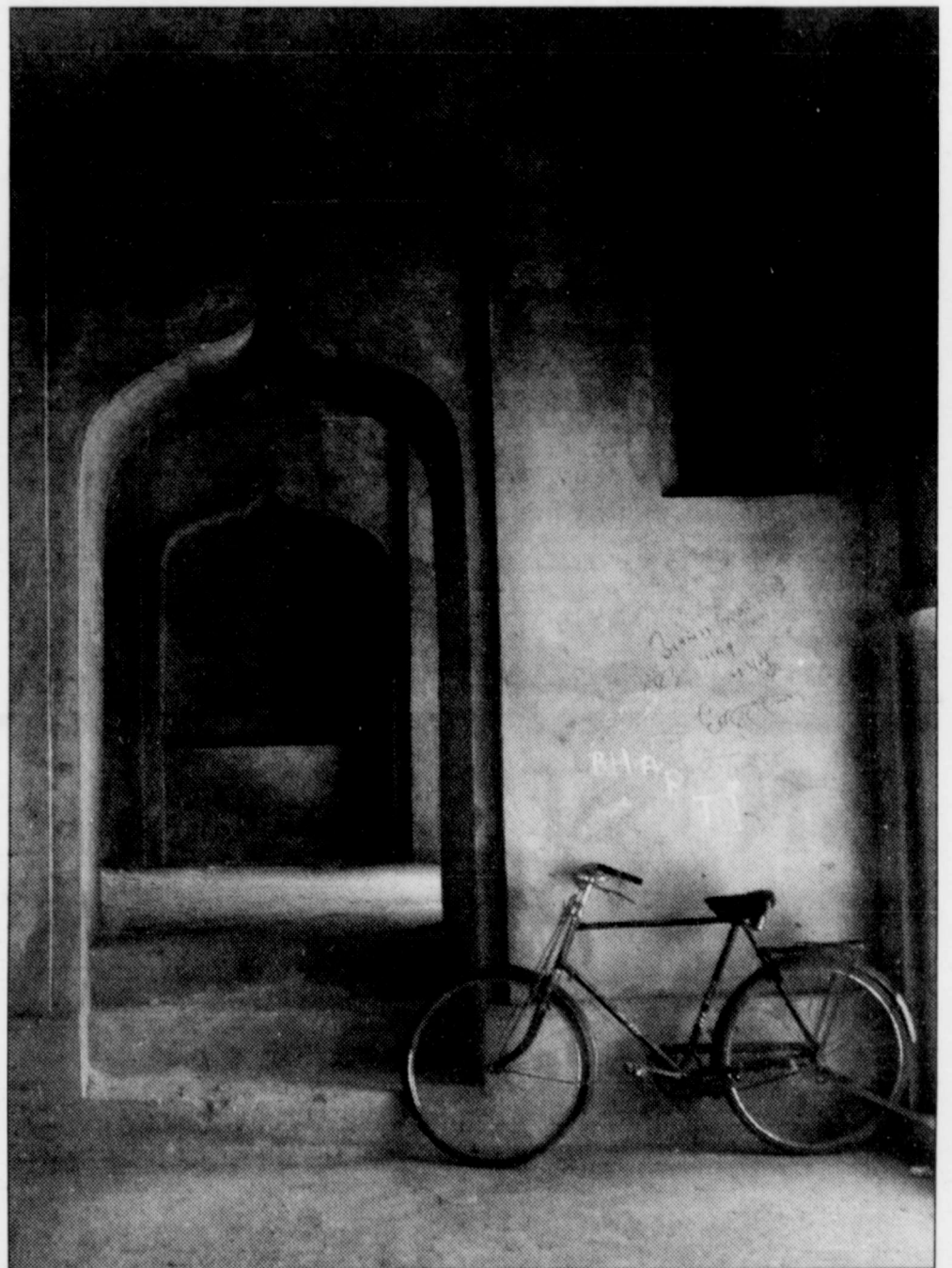
The first thing she saw when she got off the plane in India was an elephant running down the street.

This type of occurrence made for great photo opportunities.

"I feel like I can't even take credit because I owe it all to the subjects in the pictures," Scholl said. "They are the ones that decided to wear beautiful clothes or paint a building bright orange, not me."

"My whole idea of putting time, effort and money into this show is that I want people to go to India and see the amazing culture and feed their economy. It's the richest place I can ever imagine even though the people are dirt poor."

Scholl's photos will be displayed and for sale throughout February.



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Architecture senior Erin Scholl will display and sell prints of 5,000 photos she took throughout her study abroad experience in India.



## COMMENTARY

# The low-down on your morning high

We've all been there. Procrastinating until the last possible minute and inevitably pulling an "all-nighter" to perfect finishing touches on a senior project. Life would be very different without caffeine, the abundant, widespread drug of choice since the 1970s. There are many forms of caffeine including black and green teas, chocolate, soft drinks, coffee and both prescription and non-prescription drugs.

While caffeine is one of the most comprehensively studied (and consumed) ingredients in the food supply, the general public knows very little about its effects.

Caffeine is a mild stimulant to the central nervous system that tends to augment stomach acid production, blood pressure and pulse rate. These symptoms can last up to 12 hours, but the body can develop tolerance within four days of regular use. According to the American Dietetic Association, a regular coffee drinker may not notice side effects as quickly as someone who drinks an occasional cup of Joe. For most healthy adults, moderate amounts of caffeine — 200 to 300 milligrams a day or about two cups of coffee — do not pose physical problems.

The consumption of caffeine containing beverages has a diuretic effect — it increases water loss from the body through urination. The more caffeine consumed, the greater the potential for dehydration. Furthermore, excessive intake (more than three cups a day) can cause "coffee jitters," insomnia and anxiety. Contrary to popular belief, caffeine is more habit-forming than addictive, but quitting cold turkey can still cause withdrawal symptoms such as headache, fatigue and depression.

Despite claims that caffeine consumption can lead to long-term health complications, data is currently inconclusive about the adverse effects of caffeine consumption and its relationship to cancer, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis and hypertension.

If your daily habit involves more than a couple trips to Julian's, you may want to consider cutting back. To gradually ease off your caffeine use, eliminate one serving a day from your regular consumption and experiment with your intake to see how you feel physically and mentally. Try a mixture of half regular and half decaf coffee, or alternate between regular and decaf soft drinks. Also be aware of hidden caffeine in other items such as over-the-counter drugs. One dose of pain reliever (like Excedrin) can contain as much caffeine as one or two cups of coffee.

Of all the forms of caffeine on the market, coffee tends to be one of the most regularly consumed. According to Nestle, the U.S. per capita consumption of coffee is estimated to be 424 servings, which includes in-home and out-of-home ground, instant and ready-to-drink coffee. The amount of caffeine in different coffees varies greatly and depends on a number of factors including the variety of coffee bean, the particular "grind," how the product is manufactured and the method of preparation (i.e. length of brewing and proportion of coffee to water). For example, one 8-ounce serving of brewed coffee has an average of 85 milligrams of caffeine, compared to an average of 80 milligrams in a 2-ounce serving of espresso.

We all love a venti, triple-shot Mochachino (hold the foam) now and then, or maybe a couple times a day ... but keep in mind as you pour that stirring (no pun intended) substance you might be better off trading it for some herbal tea once in awhile.

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## COMING MONDAY

From Right Field by Mustang Daily columnist Matt Bushman



about  
**YOUR**  
health

surviving the college years

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### City's message unsuccessful at dissuading this student

After reading police chief Deborah Linden's position on last year's Mardi Gras celebration, I have become even more inspired to go out and party this weekend.

Last year California, Foothill and part of Hathaway were blocked off and partiers were corralled and shot with rubber bullets, beanbags and pepper balls. The force shown by the police was outrageous. The partiers did cause damage, but only after all access to the housing along Foothill, Stenner and Murray was blocked off and partiers were told to go home ... but how were they supposed to get there?

The police's theme this year seems to be to ensure the safety of all the residents of San Luis Obispo. That would have been a nice theme last year. I know I now have two steel plates and 15 screws in my arm after last year's riot. I witnessed (while staying in the hospital) at least 10 other injuries caused by the police including a rubber bullet to a girl's eye, people with eyes burnt from pepper and welts caused by projectiles. The violence shown by the police force was much more severe than the few violent acts demonstrated by select members of the "mob."

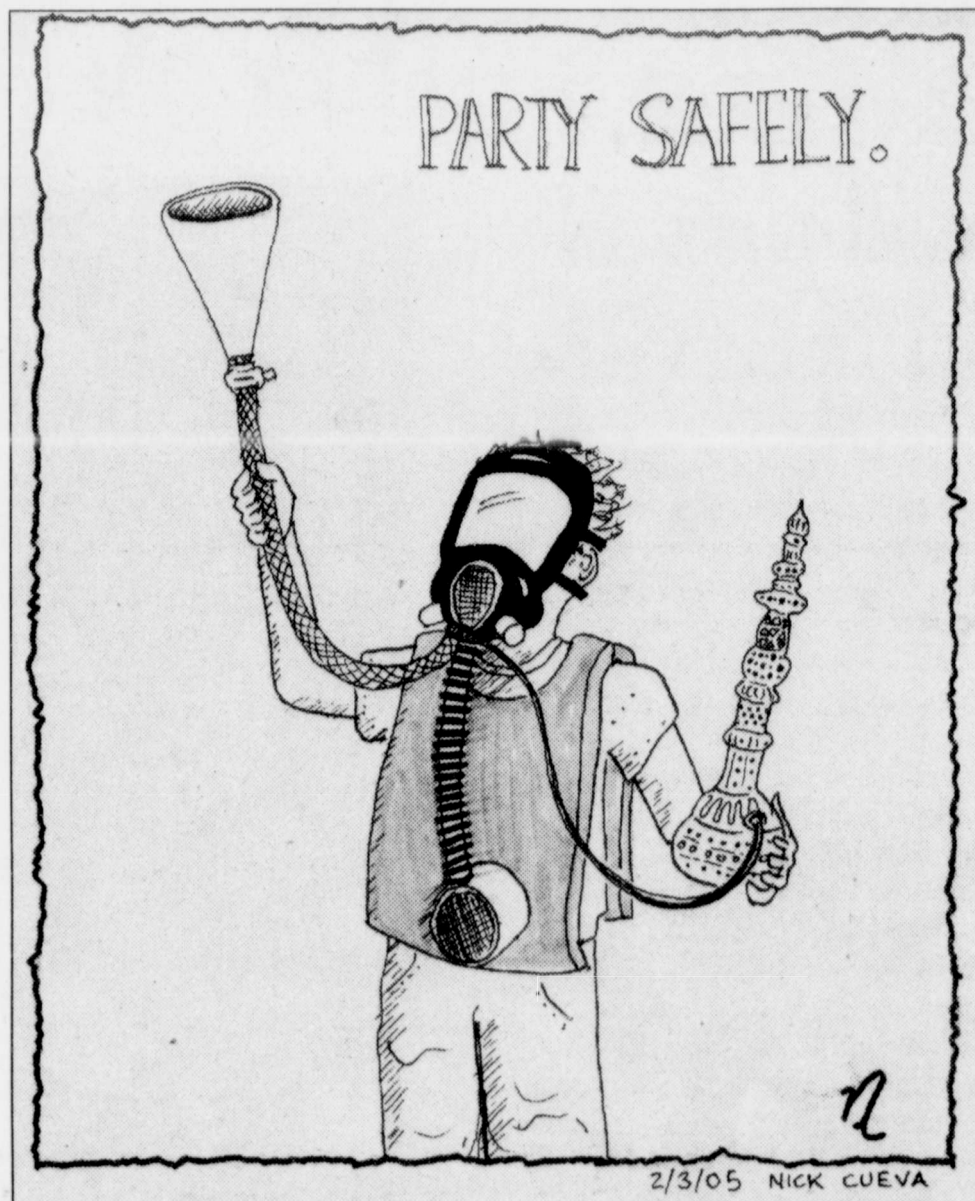
The students of Cal Poly and Cuesta not only contribute to the "character and vitality" of San Luis Obispo, but also to the economy. One out of every \$9 spent in San Luis Obispo is directly related to the students of Cal Poly, but the city seems to forget this huge financial impact we have on the community. We are an important part of the community and demand to be treated fairly.

Paul Telford

Mechanical engineering sophomore

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Ranking

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top out at No. 14 (Collegiate Baseball), and remain well in the top 25 with their No. 16 (Sports Weekly/ESPN) and No. 22 (Baseball America) selections.

Junior Troy Tulowitzki's talent as shortstop and at the plate have lifted him to two preseason All-American picks: First Team from Collegiate Baseball and Second Team from Baseball America. Returning to the mound for the

49ers is junior left-handed pitcher Cesar Ramos a preseason First Team All-American choice by Collegiate Baseball and NCBWA after posting the 27th best ERA (2.29) in the nation and 10th best winning percentage (.750) in 2004, when the 49ers rolled to its second consecutive 40-win season and another trip to the NCAA Super Regionals.

UC Irvine is the third Big West team to get a preseason poll nod, coming in at No. 36 on the Sports Weekly/ESPN list, following the

Anteaters first-ever trip to the postseason last season.

The Anteaters will be led by ace reliever Blair Erickson, a sophomore right-hander who had 17 saves, second-most nationally in 2004 and was named to three Third Team All-American lists (Collegiate Baseball, ABCA, NCBWA). He is also a First-teamer on Collegiate Baseball's preseason All-American roster.

The Mustangs start the season at home after a six-game road series.

Baggett

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"To have the stadium named after me when I was above ground, not below ground, was quite an honor," Baggett said.

Sports are still a large part of Baggett's life. He played in a senior league baseball team when he was in his 40s, and he now plays a lot of golf. He was legal counsel for the Golden State Warriors for eight years, a job he called "a lot of fun." With the amount of golf he now plays, Baggett is the one to ask about where to play nearby.

"I like San Luis Obispo

Country Club, they have really good greens," Baggett said.

Between the two wineries he helps run, the law firm he is a part of and the golf he plays, Baggett keeps busy.

But he has never forgotten though what gave him the ability to take advantage of these opportunities.

"I always tell athletes that they need to use their talents to get a good education. It will help you the rest of your life," Baggett said. "Chances of going pro are slim, but an education can help you the rest of your life. You use school and your friendships to help in life."

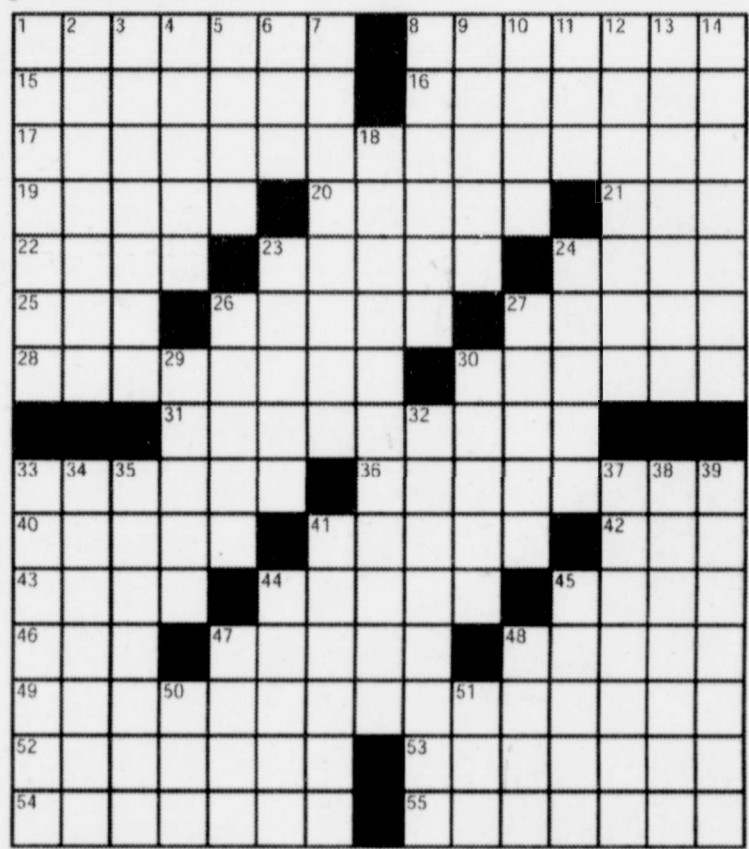
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# He's more than just a name on a stadium

Brian J. Lambdin  
MUSTANG DAILY

The most Cal Poly students know about Robin Baggett is that he is the name sake for the stadium the Mustang baseball team plays in. Even that is a stretch for some students who probably don't know a thing about the member of the Mustang Hall of Fame.

Baggett is a successful lawyer, a famous Cal Poly athlete and one of the charter members of the Diamond Club, which helped save baseball at Cal Poly.

Growing up in Salinas, Baggett played football, basketball and baseball.

"I started out thinking basketball was my best sport and then moved to football," Baggett said.

Baseball brought him to Cal Poly on a scholarship as a catcher in 1968.

While a Mustang, Baggett had a stellar career behind the plate. He did not allow a passed ball during his career and as a senior, his fielding percentage was .990 and he threw out 70 percent of opponents attempting to steal. He caught a pitching staff that holds school records for lowest ERA (1.98) and most shutouts (12) in a season.

Baggett also caught two no-hitters during his Cal Poly career. He was behind the plate for Dean Treanor's no-hitter in 1970 and caught Les Ohrn's no-hitter against Cal Poly Pomona in 1971.

"You don't appreciate it at the time. It is like golf, you have to take it one shot or one pitch at a time," Baggett said. "You try to focus on just winning the game."

During this time, college baseball players used wooden bats.

"Every pitch counted," Baggett said.

During Ohrn's no-hitter, no opposing player actually got into scoring position on base.

Although during one inning Ohrn walked three straight batters, Baggett threw out each man after he reached first and tried to steal second.

Baggett excelled on the diamond and off it as well. He graduated with honors, and before that he served on the student finance committee at Cal Poly, a position coach Augie Garrido made sure Baggett assumed to assure financial security.

"Coach Garrido wanted to make sure his team

got its share of the money," he said.

Then as a senior Baggett was elected student body president, due in part to the position Garrido made

him take on the finance committee.

Upon graduating, Baggett had a decision to make: He had not been drafted, but he had been accepted to Hastings College of Law at University of California. He thought he was good enough to play professionally and he did get offers from some teams

Baggett and have served him well.

"I still keep in contact with almost everybody from the teams I played on in college."

These connections proved important after he returned to the area. The baseball program was in shambles by this time, and Baggett used his connections to help save it. He started the Diamond Club in

1979 and, along with former teammate Mike Krukow, put together the Krukow Charity Golf Tournament.

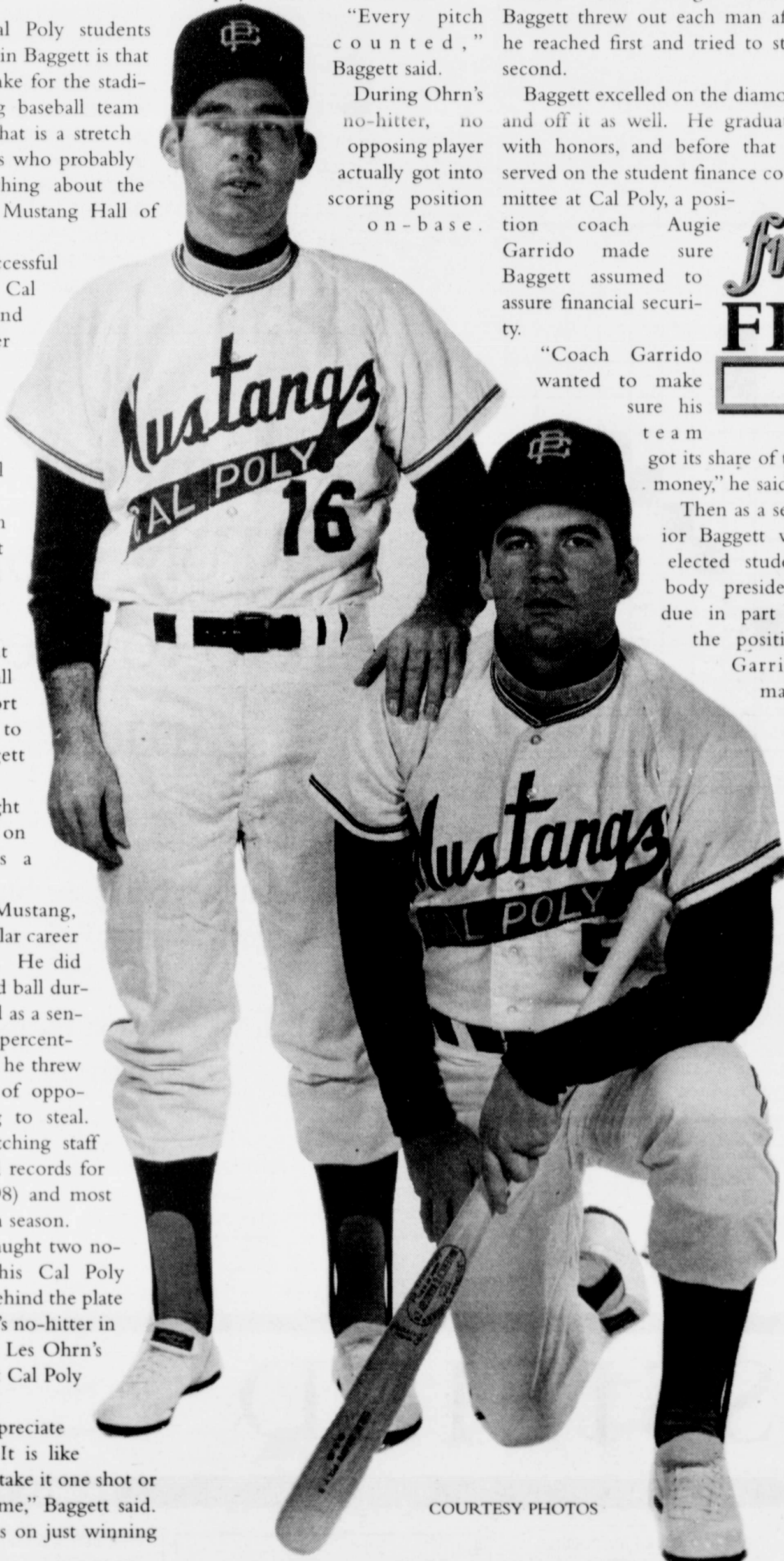
For his contributions to the school, both athletically and academically, he was elected to the Cal Poly Hall of Fame in 1998.

"It was pretty special to be inducted to the Hall of Fame," Baggett said. "To be awarded for achievements off the field was very nice."

When Cal Poly finally got a new stadium in 2001, Baggett was again honored for his contributions to the program. He became the stadium's namesake, an honor that he still cherishes.

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for a minor league contract and a bus ticket.

He chose law school.

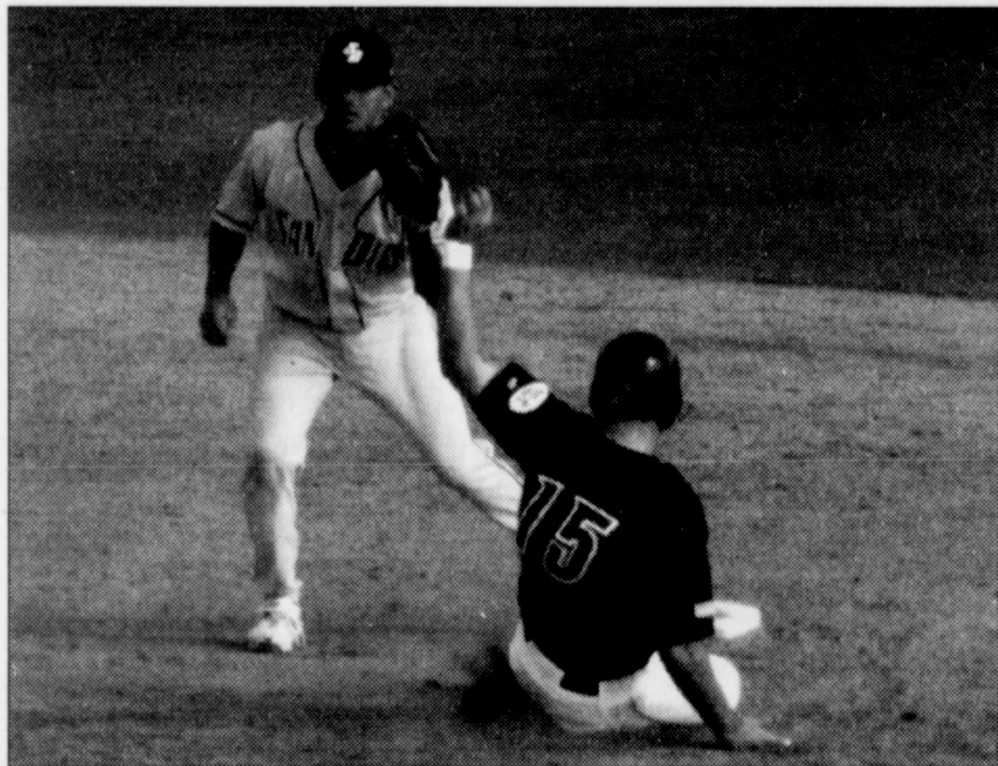
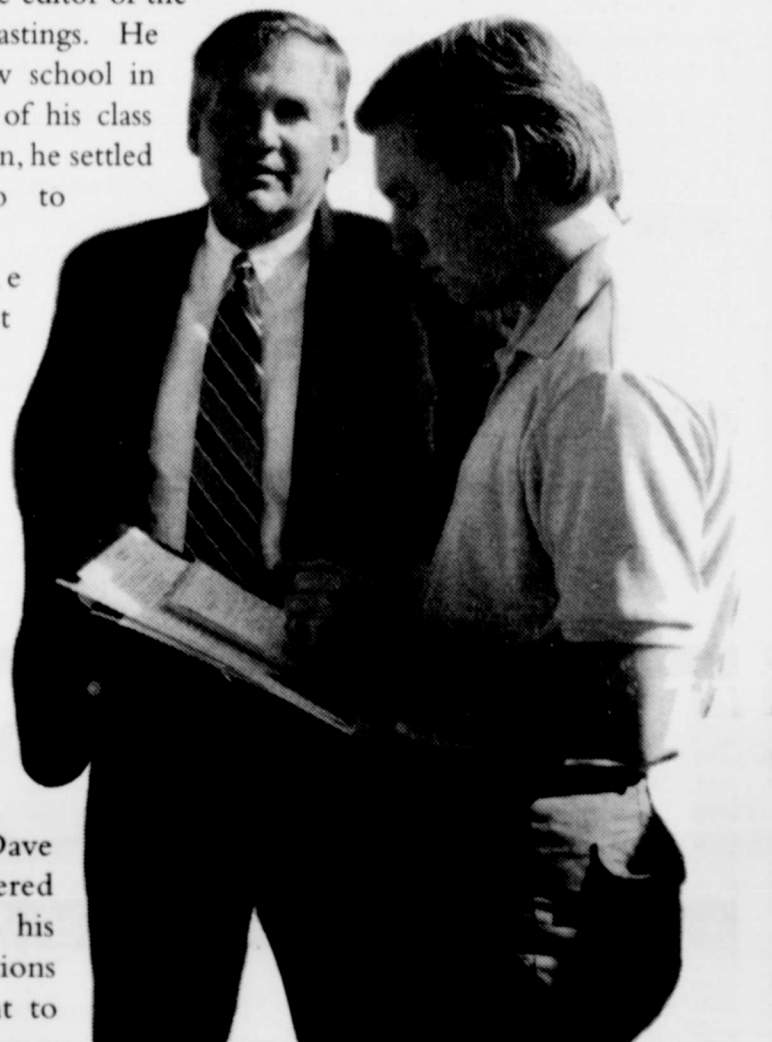
"It was the one major decision in my life, it was my career choice," Baggett said.

Looking back, Baggett said he made the right decision.

"If I had gone into baseball, I probably would have been in the minors for eight years and by the time I was 30, I would have been back to the same position I was in when I graduated," Baggett said.

While attending Hastings, he was just as active as he had been while he was at Cal Poly. He played semi-pro ball and was the editor of the Law Review at Hastings. He graduated from law school in the top 2 percent of his class and upon graduation, he settled in San Francisco to practice law.

However, the Central Coast would call him back. In 1979, just after his first daughter was born, Baggett got the chance to return to San Luis Obispo. When the former head of the financial committee Baggett served on, Dave Fitzpatrick, offered him a position in his law firm. Connections are very important to



Mustang baseball kicks off home play today at Baggett Stadium against San Jose State.

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## Baseball nabs the four spot

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Prior to the beginning of the season for the Cal Poly baseball team, defending national champion Cal State Fullerton was selected by coaches to claim its second straight Big West Conference title.

All eight conference head coaches weighed in for the preseason poll, tabbing the Titans as the unanimous No. 1 pick and choosing Long Beach State as the unanimous No. 2. The two teams respectively have finished one-two for two of the past three seasons, with the 49ers last claiming the conference crown in 2003.

The fourth-place slot in the poll

was a tight race, with Cal Poly grabbing the edge by two points over UC Santa Barbara. The Mustangs have 19 letterwinners back from their 38-23-1 team from 2004, highlighted by All-Big West First Team selection Brandon Roberts, who had a school record 25-game hitting streak in 2004. Cal Poly is currently 5-1 and has its first home series this weekend.

The No. 1 Titans constructed a phenomenal past season, winning their fourth NCAA Division I National Championship. Fullerton enters the 2005 season ranked in the national preseason polls at No. 2 (Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball) and No. 3 (Sports

Weekly/ESPN).

The preseason accolades don't end there, either. Junior left-handed pitcher Ricky Romero is back to lead the Titans and boasts a preseason First Team All-American pick from Collegiate Baseball and NCBWA after posting the third-best winning percentage in the nation last season at .778. As a freshman outfielder Clark Hardman was a member of the 2004 All-Freshman team and got a second-team nod from Baseball America.

Long Beach State also is ranked in three preseason polls. The 49ers

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